

AKING-POWDER PLANT TAKES BACK STRIKERS

Reaches an Agreement With Officers of Southern Manufacturing Company.

RETURN TO WORK TOMORROW
President Laird Issues Statement Giving Assurance That Company Will Guarantee Former Earnings Under New Wage Scale.

Under an agreement reached yesterday between the Southern Manufacturing Company and the strikers, the latter have returned to work tomorrow morning. The agreement was reached after President C. Laird had held a conference with the committee of the striking employees and had been able to secure a personal understanding with each of the company's representatives.

Explaining last night the settlement effected between the company and the strikers, President Laird made the following statement:

"In response to a letter I addressed, under date of August 25, to each of the strikers, I have been able to reach an understanding with the committee of the striking employees of the aking-powder factory that withdrew from the service of the Southern Manufacturing Company about two weeks ago. I have received advice that they will report for duty at the factory on Monday morning.

"My letter of the 25th confirmed and stated the proposition I made on the 25th to a committee of ten of the strikers, who had been in our employ for a number of years, and whom I had invited to a conference. My proposition to these strikers was that we would employ them at the same rate as established upon the understanding that during the first twelve weeks of employment we would guarantee each of them the same rate as they were receiving at the time they left our employ. If they were not satisfied with the new wage scale, they would be free to leave at the end of the first twelve weeks of the guaranteed period, and we would make up any deficit that might have accrued, if any.

TO STUDY SPECIAL WORK
The purpose of the guaranteed period was to afford the strikers further opportunity to study the special work of the aking-powder factory, and to give the strikers an opportunity to study the methods used in connection with the new work and to give and improve same wherever possible.

"I stated to these strikers that if it was apparent to the strikers of the company that the new wage scale on the new work in the hands of individuals and efficient workers would not develop earnings equal to the day wages formerly paid, we would make every effort to revise and improve the methods used, so that the new rate in the hands of individuals and efficient workers would produce earnings not less than the day wages paid.

"There has been no complaint against the new rate on the new work, which constitutes the great bulk of the output of the factory, and on which piece rate the most efficient workers can earn upwards of \$20 per week, which I think is about double the wages formerly paid for this class of work in the factory.

Edgar Certainly Needed a Friend

Young Botwick Had Explained Wet Clothes, but Somebody 'Squealed' to Ma.

When an active nine-year-old boy goes out to play in a park with his cousin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and returns at 5 o'clock, he is not very hot and then drink too much water, the suspicions are in no wise allayed.

Edgar Botwick, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Botwick, of 1213 West Cary Street, brought the tale home yesterday. His mother discovered about 3 o'clock last night that he was right when he said he had drunk too much water, but that instead of taking it to cool off from running, he had swallowed it in the James River when he narrowly escaped drowning. After a panic of relief that her boy was still alive, Mrs. Botwick remarked that he would probably take his next few meals from the mantelpiece.

Instead of spending his time playing in Monroe Park, as he said he did, Edgar went swimming near the city electric plant at a place known to the boys as "Dutchman's Back." Six boys were in the party. When Edgar became helpless about thirty yards from the shore, the largest one attempted to save him, but was almost pulled under the water himself.

By that time the cries had summoned two other boys, Walker Wilkinson and James Kennedy, who were swimming in the canal nearby. First, Kennedy reached the drowning lad first. He was unable to resuscitate him until Kennedy arrived. Together, they brought him to land in an unconscious condition. After the other boys had employed simple first-aid measures, Edgar was able to go home unassisted and to get comfortably into bed.

But just when he thought he was safe, somebody had to go and tell his mother. Then, if ever, a fellow needed a friend.

PLAN NORTHSIDE PICNIC

Citizens' Association Will Stage Big Celebration Saturday at Joseph Bryan Park.

The first annual picnic of the North Richmond Citizens' Association, which is composed of about 600 voters of the annexed territory of Barton Heights, Brookland Park, Norwood, Battery Court and North Richmond Terrace, will be held at Bryan Park Saturday. Games of all kinds will be arranged, and prizes awarded in many contests. Announcement will be made this week of the list of events and the prizes.

The committee on arrangements, which is composed of George W. Finner, W. Stewart White and W. K. Backs, is working hard to make the event one of the most enjoyable in the history of the section.

C. & O. Earnings Increase.
Estimated earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for the third week of August were \$246,814, as compared with \$220,652 for the same week of last year, showing an increase of \$26,162, according to figures announced yesterday at the general office by Comptroller L. P. Sullivan.

The earnings for the current fiscal year to date aggregate \$6,737,973, an increase of \$226,205 over the earnings of same period of last year.

Reports \$200 Ring Stolen.
Police yesterday were investigating the report of a \$200 ring theft filed at headquarters by John R. McDonald. McDonald now is a patient in Grace Hospital, where the ring is reported to have been stolen.

COLONEL PERRY WRITES OF LIFE AT BROWNSVILLE

Commander of First Regiment Reports Virginia Boys in Fine Shape.

NO CAUSE NOW TO GRUMBLE

Regime of "Bum" Cooking Has Given Way to Better Food Preparation, and Officers and Men Are Well Satisfied.

Colonel William J. Perry, of the First Virginia Infantry, in a letter received yesterday by Adjutant-General, reports his men on their good howling and gives interesting accounts of conditions along the border. Rapid improvement is being made, both in the soldierly qualities of the men and in the comforts of the camp.

In spite of the still April through which the soldiers are put, there has been no time during the hot period of the day. Baseball uniforms and band instruments supplied by the profits from the camp have been expected to afford additional recreation.

NO DRILLING DURING HOTTEST PART OF DAY
Extracts from Colonel Perry's letter follow:

"Brownsville is the most Southern town on the mainland of the United States. Climate conditions could, under no circumstances, be compared with larger portions of Virginia. At the same time we have had some of the suffering we would have experienced if we had been where the humidity is greatest in our own State. It is a damned hot middle of the day, but even with full packs the men will come in from a line singing. The exercises are so arranged as to avoid drilling from 10:30 to 4:30, but instruction is so scheduled as to get all possible out of at least half of this time. In addition to the dinner hour the officers have one hour not occupied by noncommissioned officers, two, and he private three hours.

"The appearance of the men and officers has improved to a wonderful extent. It is natural for soldiers to grumble, but when you come down to facts there is little cause for it. Some men were with the idea that it was a damned hot middle of the day, but when you come down to facts there is little cause for it. Some men were with the idea that it was a damned hot middle of the day, but when you come down to facts there is little cause for it.

FOOD OF GOOD QUALITY.

BUT COOKS WERE "BUM"

"At one time there was considerable room for kick in the matter of food. The ration was ample and of the best quality, but the mess sergeants and cooks were, in many instances, 'bums.' The men should have been acquitted on the ground of justifiable homicide if they had lynched them. This condition has been changed, and in most companies the men are well fed. It will soon be possible to say the same thing of all.

"The post exchange, although somewhat handicapped, is clearly something over \$1,000 per month, which, after this month, will add materially to the company fund of all organizations. The profit this month will pay up the stock and give a margin, which has been applied to the purchase of baseball uniforms and equipment and for athletic prizes.

"The band instruments came a few days ago, and we have promise of a first-class organization in the near future. Of course, as none of the men had played an instrument for several months and had not played together as a band, it will take a little while for them to get into shape.

"I am well pleased with the progress the regiment is making. It has made a good reputation, and I hope it will keep it. We are very much stricter as regards discipline than many of the other regiments, and there is doubtless some grumbling on account of this, especially as it affects officers, but it is the only way to make the regiment measure up to what it should be. As a rule, the officers are doing what they can to make good."

Germ Chasers Now After Soda Stands

"Sterilize Glasses or Sere in Individual Containers," Orders Food Commissioner

Unless he provides adequate means for the sterilization of glasses after using, the man who dispenses soft drinks or other beverages in Virginia on and after September 15 will be required to serve them in individual drinking cups. The law will strictly forbid the use of glasses a second time unless they have been sterilized in the interim.

This notice has gone out from the office of Dairy and Food Commissioner Benjamin L. Purcell for the information of those who maintain confectioneries and soft-drink establishments, with the warning that the requirement will be rigidly enforced from the date it takes effect. The rule is in keeping with the policy of the State to restrict, as far as possible the use of the common towel and the common cup.

Where there are proper and adequate facilities for the sterilization of glasses, the individual cup will not be required. When they are used, the law requires that they be destroyed immediately after using.

Coleman Fined for Shooting.
Justice Crutcher yesterday fined Edward Coleman, colored, \$100 and costs for shooting Mary Berry. The woman is said not to have been seriously injured.

Epchurch Case Continued.
The case against A. W. Epchurch, charged with stealing \$25 and \$5 from the Rountree-Cherry Corporation, were continued until September 1 in the Police Court yesterday.

Fined for Carrying Weapon.
Romeo Perry, colored, was fined \$100 and costs in the Police Court yesterday on a charge of carrying a concealed pistol. Perry noted an appeal in the case.

CHILDREN FROM INFECTED STATES MAY PASS THROUGH

Commissioner Williams Issues Additional Instructions to Railroad Passenger Officials.

CAN STOP FOR CONNECTIONS

Will Not Be Permitted to Stay in Virginia Longer Than Is Necessary to Make First Connecting Train.

State Health Commissioner E. G. Williams ruled yesterday that children under sixteen years of age, coming from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, States infected with infantile paralysis, may pass through Virginia, en route to some other State, provided they do not stop at any point longer than necessary to make the first connections.

Likewise, those children who journey to Virginia by a route which takes them through either of the infected States do not come within the scope of the quarantine if their journey is a continuous one, and if they have not come from any one of the three States within a period of two weeks before starting.

Dr. Williams's ruling was directed to the general passenger agents of the railroads operating in Virginia, who were not quite sure as to the proper interpretation of the quarantine regulations. A copy of the ruling has been sent to each of them.

SUSPECTED CASE

One case of suspected infantile paralysis was reported yesterday to the office of Dr. Williams. The victim is a Caroline County child, attended by Dr. C. Campbell, and living about ten miles from Milford. Dr. Williams at once telephoned to Dr. John Broadbent, asking that he consult Dr. Campbell and report to the State Health Commissioner. In the meantime, proper quarantine measures will be taken. This case, the second to be reported from Caroline County, is the fifteenth one reported in Virginia during the present month. Two of them have proven fatal.

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